

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 14-33 will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment. Claims 11, 14, and 31 are amended, and claim 13 is cancelled.

Applicant thanks Examiner Kershteyn for his consideration in conducting a telephone interview with the undersigned representative on July 27, 2007, to discuss the language of claims 11 and 31. Applicant understands that agreement was reached with regard to the language of these claims.

Applicant understands the Examiner to have observed that claim 11 did not explicitly recite a bearing, and that the language reciting "a trunnion coupled to the yoke and ... configured to receive a bearing between the trunnion and a wall of the aperture ..." was not sufficient to distinguish over the cited art. Appropriate language for claim 11 was discussed, and approved in principle by the Examiner. The claim was to recite the trunnion rigidly coupled to the yoke, and also to explicitly recite the bearing.

With regard to claim 31, the Examiner indicated that he did not feel that the claim was sufficiently clear in scope. The undersigned representative indicated that the intent was to claim a bearing that "did not completely encircle the trunnion," to which the Examiner replied that such a phrase would be acceptable.

A proposed amendment to the claims, exactly as presented herewith, was then prepared and transmitted to Examiner Kershteyn, who reviewed the amendment and indicated acceptance of the language.


Inasmuch as Applicant understands that the current amendment places the claims in condition for allowance for at least the reasons outlined above, the rejections of the Office Action are moot, and will not be addressed further.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the claims. In the event Examiner Kershteyn finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, he is urged to contact applicant's undersigned representative at (206) 694-4848 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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